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I love this.
This is--this is great!

Who took this?

One of the interns.
The girl Karen.

One of the interns?

Just happened to be there.

Good for her--
I want to see her in my office at the end of the day.



Ok, kids, so what's the scoop?

Someone tell me a story...

...Ben?



Okay... ..well, according to the police...

A woman, Tara Keegan, African American, 34 years of age, walks out of the Rodgers Sporting Goods store at the corner of 10 Madison St.

She is closely followed by a store employee-- name of Warren Hepburn.



Seems Warren saw Ms. Keegan take a pair of sneakers.

A pair of children's sneakers, put them in her bag and walk out of the store.



Mr. Hepburn approached the resistant Ms. Keegan and asked to see what was in her bag.



Ms. Keegan tried to just keep walking without stopping-- to which Mr. Hepburn felt that the only course was to grab her and throw her against the wall of the store.

He held her and told her that he knew that she had stolen the shoes and was going to call the police unless she gave them back.



The woman starts yelling:



Don't touch me! Get off me!

I'm pregnant! I'm pregnant!

Mr. Hepburn is yelling out for someone to call the police.

Of course, no one does.

They all just stand there and watch. When out of the store comes a very large man.

Name of Clarence Wilson.

Clarence grabs Mr. Hepburn by the head, reportedly palming his head like a basketball, and says:

You can't grab her! You ain't got no badge.

Get off of me! I'm trying to--

You ain't got no badge!

Can't go and grab me!

Give me back the shoes!

I ain't got your shoes.

Get off of me!!

Say you're sorry.

What are you? Her partner?

No, I just ain't going to let you manhandle the lady!

Get off!

Say you're sorry or I'm going to crush your face!

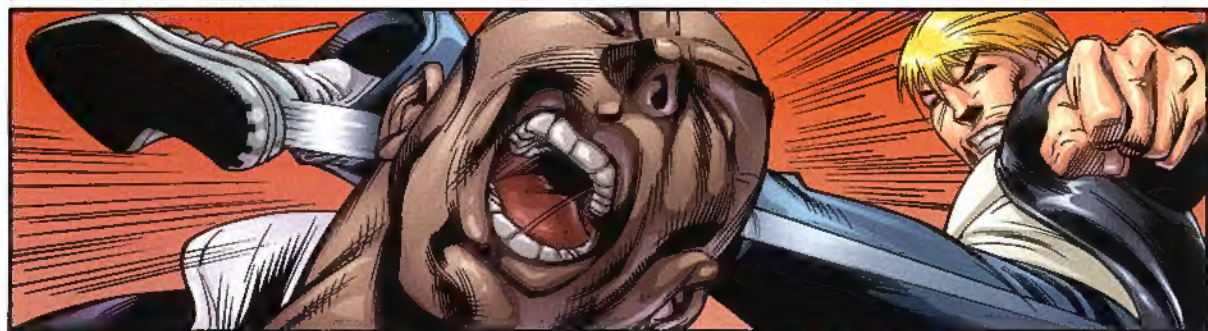
Help!
Help!!

Lucky I don't stab you!

Help!

Get your hands off him!

And this is where things got a little weird.

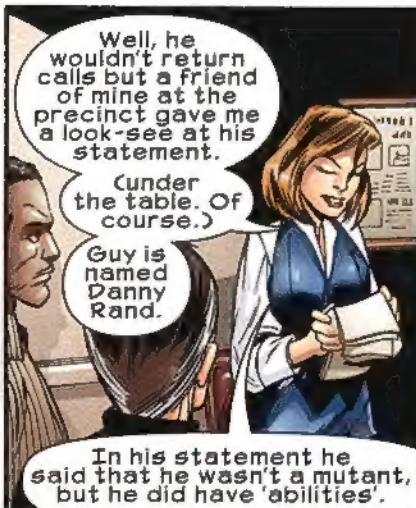








Ha! Anyone talk to the guy with this glowing hand?



Well, he wouldn't return calls but a friend of mine at the precinct gave me a look-see at his statement.

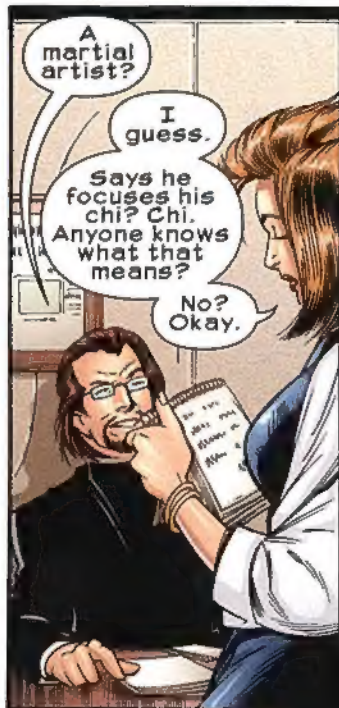
(Under the table. Of course.)

Guy is named Danny Rand.

In his statement he said that he wasn't a mutant, but he did have 'abilities'.



"According to his statement, he has mastered the ability to focus his spiritual energy into an impervious fist of iron."

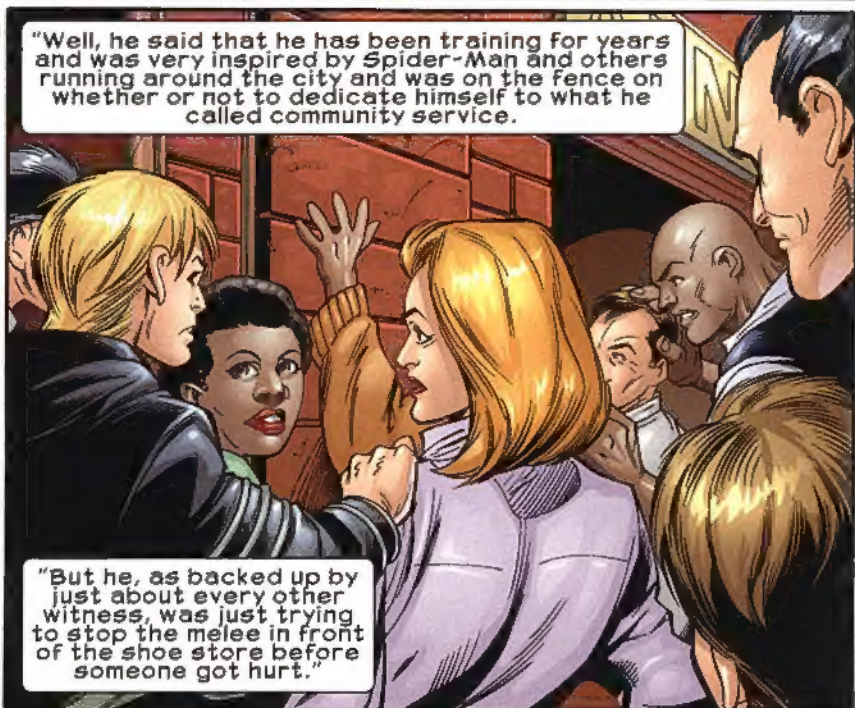


A martial artist?

I guess.

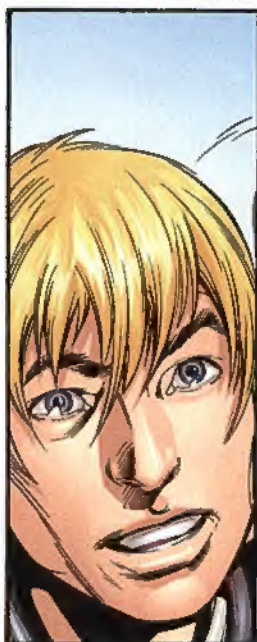
Says he focuses his chi? Chi. Anyone knows what that means?

No? Okay.



"Well, he said that he has been training for years and was very inspired by Spider-Man and others running around the city and was on the fence on whether or not to dedicate himself to what he called community service."

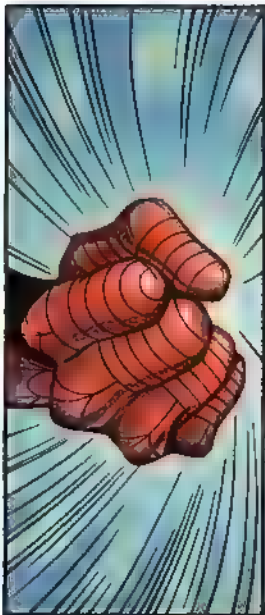
"But he, as backed up by just about every other witness, was just trying to stop the melee in front of the shoe store before someone got hurt."



Don't make me--

Bring it on, mutant!





When Spider-Man clocked him.

Mr. Rand cooperated with the police and gave a statement and was released.

I wanted to ask him if this incident has dissuaded him from pursuing his career in "community service" but as I said I couldn't get him on the phone.

But my cop friend said he seemed "rather disillusioned" and I didn't believe that...

...well, whatever.



Ok. Let's run the piece, front page.

Front page?

"Spider-Man Sneaker Sucker Punch!"



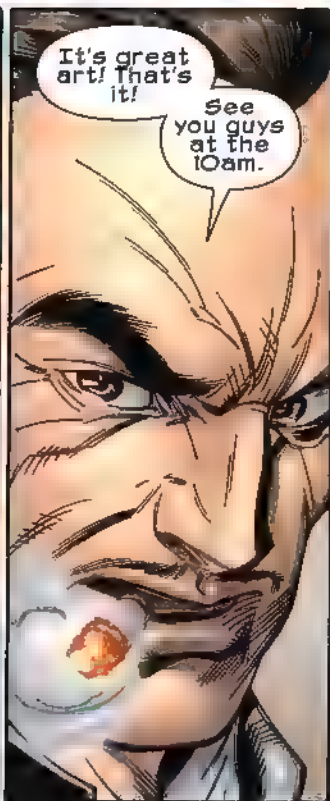
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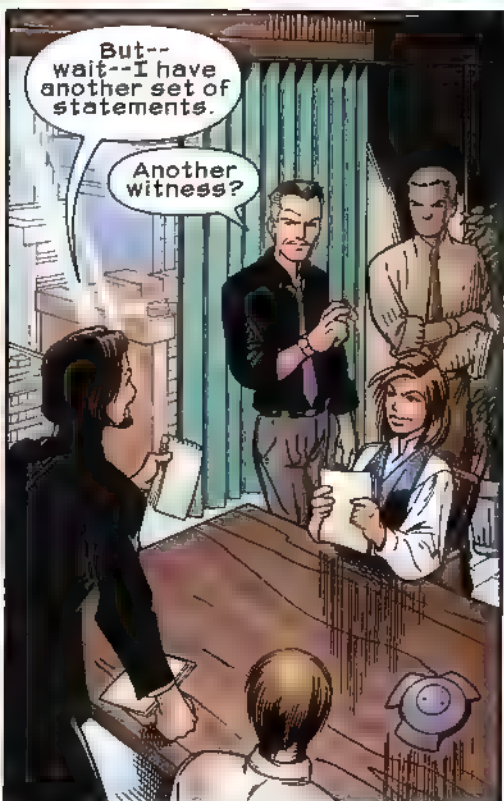
It's great art. "Spider-Man Shoplifter Sucker Punch!"

It's a pair of sneakers, Jonah.



It's great art! That's it!

See you guys at the 10am.



But-- wait--I have another set of statements.

Another witness?



"I was up about seven stories from where the action took place."



Ben...



"I heard the woman screaming, and the shoe store clerk yelling for help."



Ben, I'm too busy a man to sit here and...

"Now even though I know that there's a good chance that every move I make is going to be criticized out the ying yang because I wear a mask--"

--I take that chance.

"Because even though our society is merciless and punishing to the famous--

--that even our most beloved leaders and celebrities are put through the wringer just because that's what we do--

--I want to use these powers I have to help people, so I keep my identity a secret--

--to spare my loved ones both the scrutiny and the danger of being associated with me--

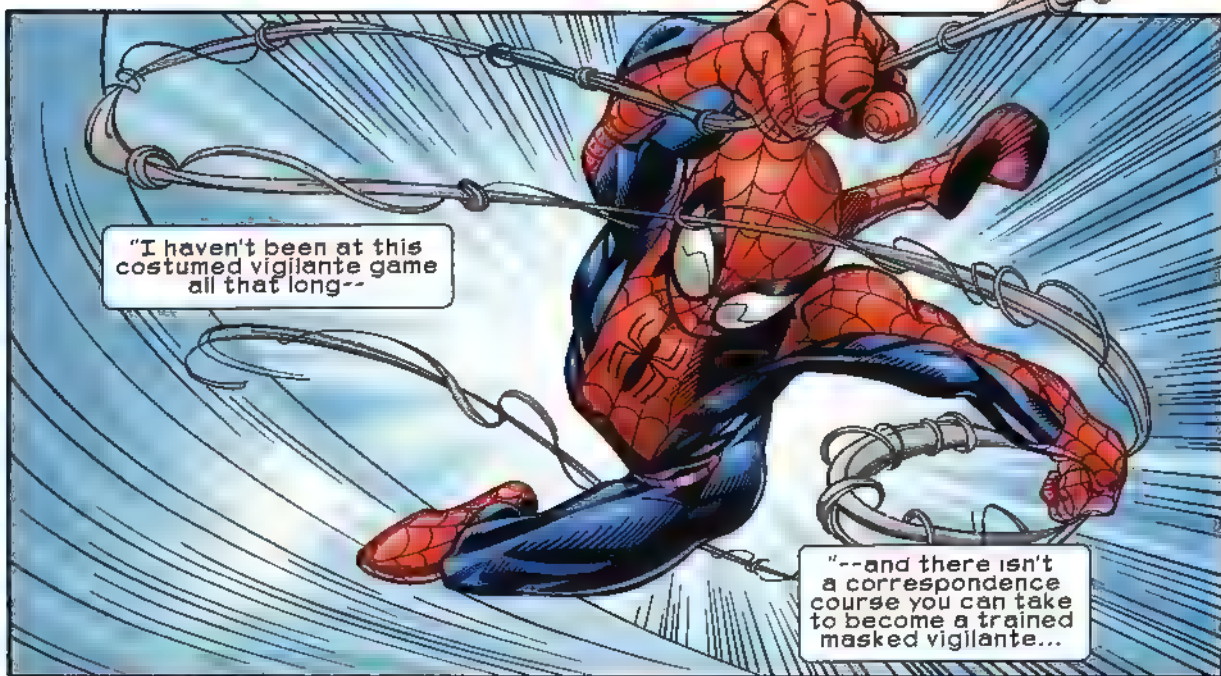
--and I just try to help.

"And when I'm up on a roof somewhere or crawling up the side of a wall and I happen to hear the screams of a woman in distress-- I don't care what anyone thinks, I am going to help.

"I'm going to put her well-being in front of mine.

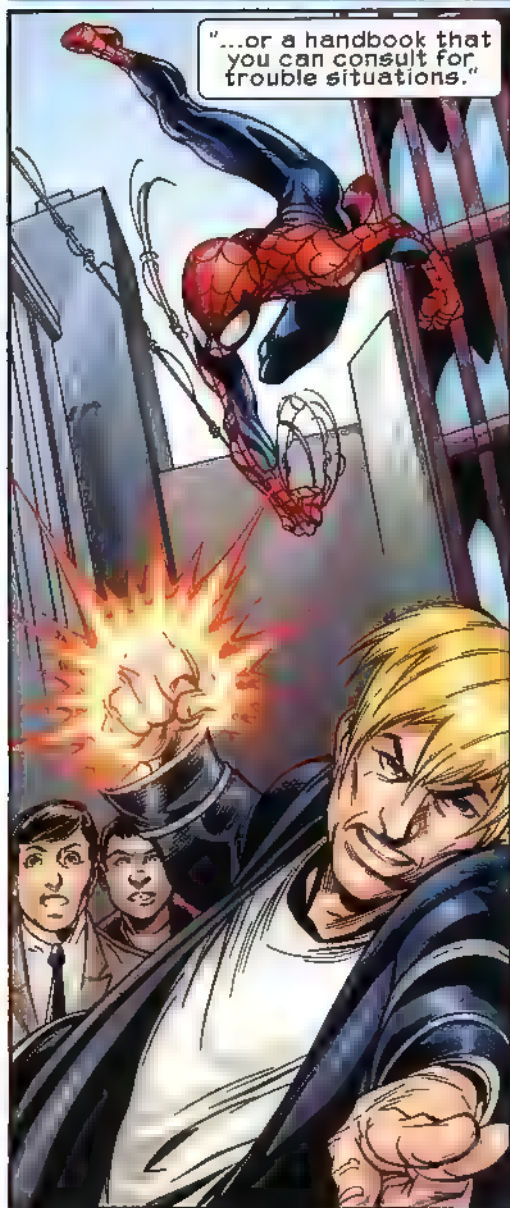
"And to any bystander with a brain in their head, the man with the glowing hand is the immediate concern.

"The man with the glowing hand might very well be out of the normal law enforcement's league and something right up my unique alley.

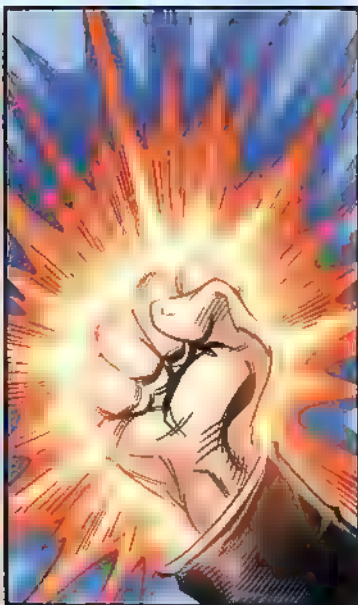
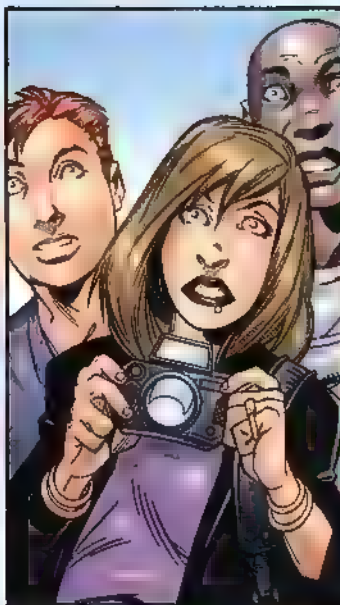


"I haven't been at this
costumed vigilante game
all that long--

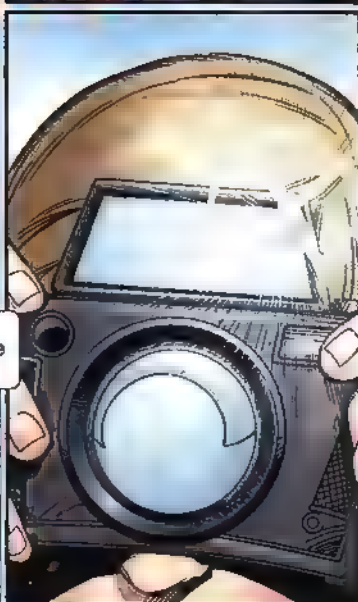
--and there isn't
a correspondence
course you can take
to become a trained
masked vigilante...



...or a handbook that
you can consult for
trouble situations."



"So,
yeah, I made
a mistake."





"I hit the
wrong guy--

"--but! It ends up
that the lady was
the one shoplifting
in the first place...

"...and she really
wasn't pregnant.

"And all I did was
knock her on her
butt just long
enough for the
cops to grab her.

"But the person
I feel really bad
about hitting is this
Danny Rand guy.

"The guy with the
glowing hand--

"--because like me
he was just trying
to do something
worthwhile--
something helpful."

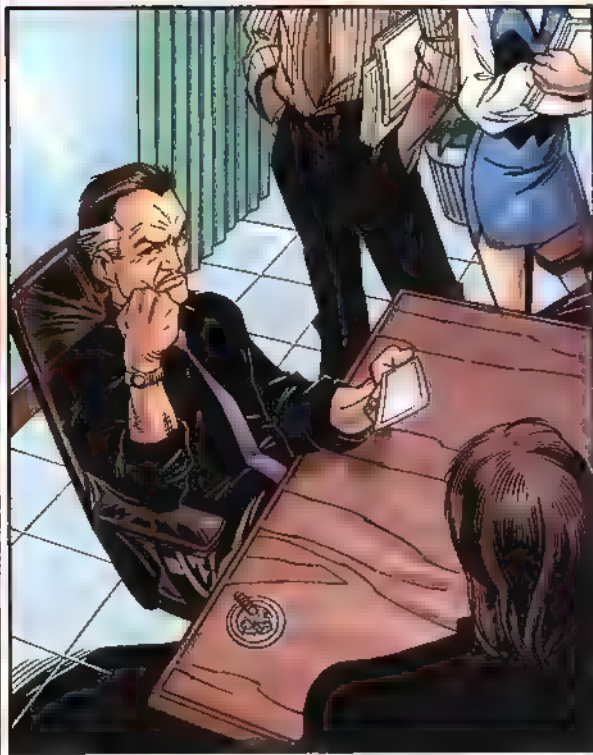
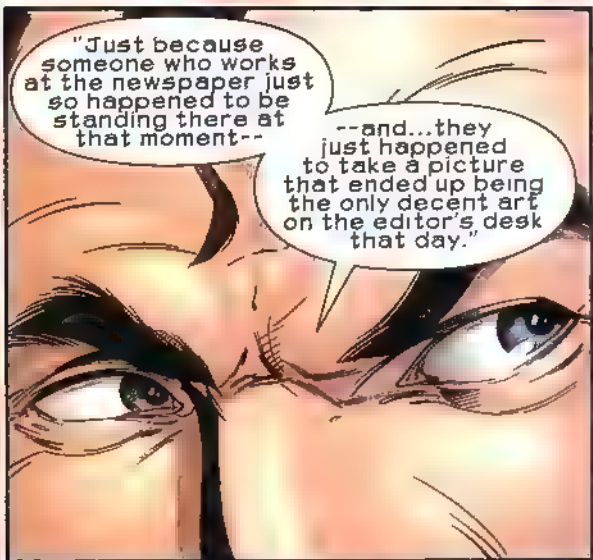
"And I know that if the roles were reversed I would be really mad at me--"

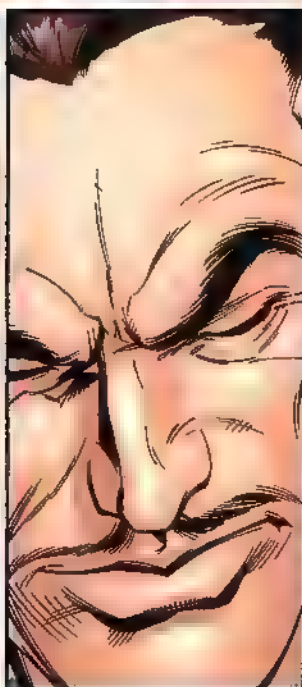
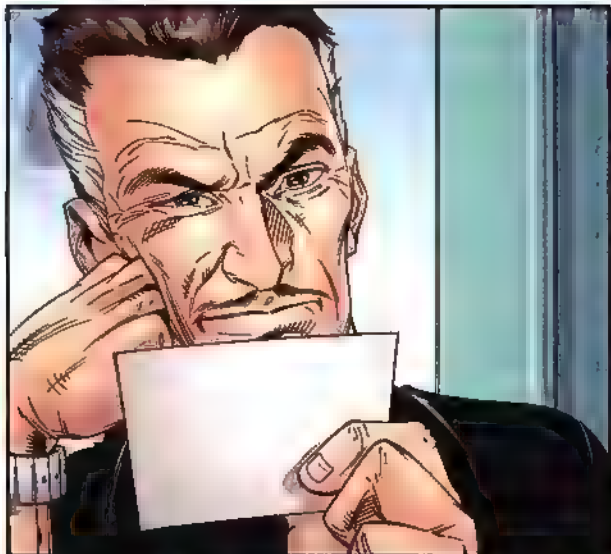
--especially if the simple little incident would have me landing on the front page of the Daily Bugle.



"Just because someone who works at the newspaper just so happened to be standing there at that moment--"

--and...they just happened to take a picture that ended up being the only decent art on the editor's desk that day."







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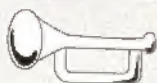
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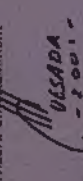
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